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BRASILIA PASS TO LEGAL ADVISER HANSELL

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION WITH FONSEC ROEL ON ILLICIT
PAYMENTS QUESTION

1. FOLLOWING JULY 1 BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS ISSUE, REPORTED SEPTELS, LEGAL ADVISER HANSELL, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE AND EMBOFF, MET WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL. REFERRING TO HIS WASHINGTON CONVERSATION MAY 26, AND STRESSING PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL INTEREST, WHICH LED HIM TO HAVE REFERENCE TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON PAYMENTS INCLUDED IN LONDON SUMMIT MEETING COMMUNIQUE, HANSELL DELIVERED SECRETRY VANCE LETTER TO ROEL. HANSELL STATED USG WOULD LIKE MEXICAN SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION TO COME BEFORE ECOSOC SESSION JULY 5 OR 6 CALLING FOR A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO PREPARE A TREATY ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. HANSELL STATED U.S. HAS RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED, AND U.S. JUDGED MEXICAN VOTE CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE VERY INFLUENTIAL WITH MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 77.

2. ROEL SAID HE WOULD CONSULT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO (AS HE HAD PROMISED TO DO BUT HAD NOT YET DONE), ADDING "WE WILL PREPARE OURSELVES." WITH JUST-COMPLETED U.S. PRESENTATION ON UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS IN MIND, ROEL SAID MEXICO VIEWED ALL ASPECTS OF RELATIONS WITH U.S. AS AN

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INTEGRAL WHOLE. WHEN SECRETARY VANCE HAD ASKED FOR HIS HELP ON HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION AT GRENADA OASGA, MEXICO HAD GIVEN ITS SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD HAD TO BE SOMEWHAT CAUTIOUS IN CONTENT OF HIS SPEECHES AT MEETING. ROEL SAID ILLICIT PAYMENTS QUESTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WERE PART OF GLOBAL PROBLEM OF MEXICAN-U.S. GOOD RELATIONS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A "BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP" THAT COULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF U.S. WERE, UNDER PRESSURE OF INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, TO ADOPT SUCH MEASURES AS THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN CONSULTATIONS. HE OBSERVED, "YOU ARE ALWAYS DEMANDING THINGS FROM MEXICO" (HE MAY HAVE MEANT TO SAY "ASKING"), AND WHEN HANSELL SAID U.S. DID NOT INTEND TO BE DEMANDING, ROEL RESPONDED, "BUT YOU ARE DEMANDING. WE HAVE 3000 KILOMETERS OF UNSOLVED PROBLEMS." THESE, HE SAID, WE MUST SOLVE BY COMING TO SOME SORT OF MEETING IN THE MIDDLE.

3. COMMENT: FOREIGN SECRETARY MADE NO COMMITMENT OTHER THAN TO CONSIDER VANCE LETTER AND CONSULT PRESIDENT. AS HE RESPONDED, LINKAGES TO UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS CONSULTATION, AND POSSIBILITY OF SOME TRADE-OFF, WERE CLEARLY IN MIND. END COMMENT.

4. IN BRIEF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION AT CHARGE'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION, FONRELATIONS UNDER SECRETARY DE OLLOQUI RAISED THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID GOM HOPED TO BE HELPFUL BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD SOME PROBLEMS IN ALTERING ITS POSITION. IT OCCURRED TO HIM THAT GOM COULD "SAVE FACE" WHILE MEETING U.S. OBJECTIVES, BY WORKING OUT WITH USG SOME AGREED LANGUAGE WHICH MEXICO COULD PROPOSE FOR INCLUSION IN DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (TNC'S). CHARGE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ GALVEZ HAD MADE A SIMILAR SUGGESTION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES LAST WEEK, INVOLVING CROSS-REFERENCING BETWEEN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TNC'S AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CONTROL ILLICIT PAYMENTS, WHICH MAYNES HAD SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER. CHARGE ENCOURAGED DE OLLOQUI TO PURSUE HIS IDEA AND DISCUSS IT WITH US IN DETAIL. THOMPSON

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